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Potato People take to the street



NOTL residents familiar with—and fond of—Potato People regulars will enjoy getting to know Potato People: The Next Generation, including this 'squeegee kid' who was introduced along with other characters at a launch last week, and will perform in Tales of the Street. For more information on the new Potato People please see page 19.

Pool hours extended

➤ First time NOTL pool will be kept open past Labour Day.

It's a bit of an experiment: for the first time Memorial Park Pool has stayed open this week and will remain open for the weekend.

Parks and Recreation director Clive Buist says it was a last-minute decision based on weather reports predicting a hot, humid weekend.

"We've talked about doing it other years, but never have, and then kicked ourselves afterward when the week has turned out to be really hot."

It was a combination of the weather forecast and availability of staff that made this the right time to give it a try.

"Many of our staff are university students returning to school. But this year we were able to pull together enough people from the two pools to make it work," says Buist.

"We've done what we can to get the word out to our regulars, and hopefully by the weekend people will know about it and take advantage of the extended hours."

The pool will be open tonight and Friday for adult lane swims from 5 to 6 p.m., and for public swims from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Weekend adult lane swims are from 12 noon to 1 p.m., public swimming from 1 to 4 p.m. and again from 6 to 7:30 p.m., with a family swim from 4 to 6 p.m.

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Cadet bottle drive will help convert firehall to meeting place

➤ Air Cadets have moved from community centre to former Virgil firehall.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Getting rid of refundable bottles accumulated over the summer will help the NOTL Air Cadets spruce up their new home.

Scott Ruttan, chairman of the cadets' sponsoring committee—his job is to raise funds to offset costs—says their bottle drive last January was such a success, people have been asking for a repeat.

Picking up bottles for recycling helps cadets and residents, he says.

But this fundraiser comes at a time when the cadets' offer can use a little extra help. After decades of meeting at

the Plattoff Street community centre, when the cadets resume this September they will have their own hall—the former Virgil firehall at the corner of Lorraine Street.

Ruttan said when he saw the plans for the new community centre, he realized it just wasn't going to work for the cadets.

They would have had access to the main hall for their meetings, but no office space where they could safely store their paperwork and equipment, both of which are the property of the Department of National Defence and must be kept under lock and key.

While driving by the old Virgil firehall, he decided that would make the perfect location for the cadets. And when he approached Fire Chief Ken Eden, he discovered it was going to work out.

"The fire chief was very helpful and supportive right from the start," he said. "He

thought it was a good use for this building."

The plan for fire department staff to use the building is on hold for now, but if and when that time comes, Ruttan says he believes the cadets will still be able to share the space. Meanwhile, with a three-year lease, he and other parents have been putting up walls to divide the upstairs area, creating office and training rooms.

Money raised from the bottle drive will help with renovations and also offset costs of a March break trip. Ruttan is excited about having the new space tailor-made to suit the cadets' needs, and about the location, which he hopes will attract new members.

Meetings will be held Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., and a welcome barbecue will be held at the first meeting, Sept. 15. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend, says Ruttan.

The Air Cadet Program is open to youth between the ages of 12 and 18. Administered jointly by the Department of National Defence and the Air Cadet League of Canada, the program

offers a variety of training, challenges and rewards to those who have chosen to take part.

Recyclable beer and wine bottles can be dropped off at the former Virgil firehall on

Lorraine Street Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or call Ruttan at 905-468-9735 for a Saturday pick-up. He will also be available by cell phone Saturday at 905-931-9735.



Jeff Ruttan, Joely Lisi and Madison Hendriks help organize bottles that have already been dropped off at the former Virgil Firehall, in preparation for Saturday's bottle drive.

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New year begins with new classroom



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Public transit will be a key issue, Collard says

Environment and tax equity also issues for next council term.

Penny Coles
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Jim Collard is seeking his fourth term as councillor of Niagara-on-the-Lake—with

a break in the '90s when he ran for mayor and lost to Art Viola—and each term, he says, council faces new issues and new concerns. His last was no different, with many accomplishments

that he can point to as having improved the quality of life for residents: from policies that set out the types of street lights that can be used to policies that deal with storm sewer installation in

Niagara District International Baccalaureate team.

"We were three months from being recognized as an I. B. school. Working with citizens and churches we found sponsors for foreign exchange students to help boost NDSB's population. We were close but could not satisfy the DSBIN. Rural communities should not lose their schools to the city," he says.

As a charter member of the Community Schools Alliance, a group of politicians representing towns fighting school closures, Collard says, "we need to make sure that school boards and towns become true partners."

He lists three items he sees as key during the next council term: the environment, taxation fairness and transportation issues. The Lakeshore Road sewage lagoons must be replaced, he says. He would also like to see NOTL Hydro bring solar generation to NOTL, and if re-elected he plans to encourage the installation of solar cells on the roof of the community centre and arena to earn revenue and reduce the town's footprint.

As well, he says, "fair taxation is my goal. We have



Jim Collard will run again for town council, hoping for a fourth term.

always had the lowest town costs per household in the region. We need to keep our costs under control and continue to find a solution to spiralling fees being paid to the Region. As an Association of Municipality of Ontario board member I continue to lobby the province to find alternatives."

Collard, who sits on the region's transportation committee, expects public transit to become a major issue during the coming years.

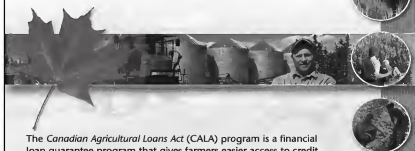
The solution could take many forms, he said, including a "dial-a-ride" system for individuals and a public/private partnership providing it.

"I support Para-transit. I support a cross-river water taxi. We need to establish a transfer depot and a secure park-and-ride location in Glendale."

Whatever the decision, which will rely on information from the current transit underway in town, it will be a "made in NOTL" solution," said Collard.

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Old Town business owner hopes to be deputy mayor

➤ Council's lack of foresight and accountability prompt bid for seat.

Peter Lootsma is hoping to win a council seat in the Oct. 25 election.

But that's not enough for the Queen Street store owner—he wants to be deputy mayor, which means winning the largest number of votes of the eight council members elected.

A father, grandfather, husband and owner of the Name Tree on King Street, Lootsma says he has "withstood the many tribulations" of past years, including West Nile fever, SARS, 9/11 and border issues, combined with an unstable economy.

He is disillusioned by the lack of foresight and account-

ability of the current council, and it's after years of criticizing it, says it's time to stop watching and do something about it.

"I've watched this town go from being a very positive, well-run organization to what it is today. I believe you either stand up or shut up," he says. Lootsma admits to being outspoken. "I tell it like it is."

That includes watching council violate bylaws and allow 20 Lees Winery to go ahead, ultimately, he says, "resulting in the loss of livelihood for 20 farmers and 60 employees."

He watched as the only local fruit-processing plant closed, as an \$11 million contingency fund disappeared and debt emerged, he says, as one public school—with two more to come when the new one opens—and the only high school in town closed.

He watched as his business taxes increased over 400 per

cent in the 17 years he has lived and worked in NOTL, and as his property taxes increased year after year.

He watched, he says, "as council allowed a project that would potentially infuse \$60 million into our region slip through their fingers."

He watched with fright, he said, "as our town of 14,000 became the road death cap-

ital of Ontario."

He says he watched as town project after town project went over budget and as the Town of NOTL stopped being responsible to its shareholders, the citizens.

Lootsma wants a council that is proactive, and wants to ensure the accountability and viability of the operation of the town, he says.

"I think I'm the first Old Town business person to run, at least in the last decade. That's not the only reason I'm running but I believe the Old Town does have filed their nomination papers to run for councillor. Friday, Sept. 10 is the last day to file.

Lootsma joins Maria Bau-

Cote, Jim Collard, Dennis Dick, Andrea Epp, Andrea Kaiser, Jamie King, Pat McCann, Kenn Moody and Gary Zeigler Jr. on the list of those who have filed their nomination papers to run for councillor. Friday, Sept. 10 is the last day to file.



Peter Lootsma launched his bid for council this week.

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our editorial

Please take extra care when driving by schools

On Tuesday, the first day of school, the Niagara Regional Police Service conducted its annual All Hands on Deck exercise, with a goal of reminding drivers throughout the region to drive safely and obey speed limits through school zones.

Of 479 vehicles stopped, 344 were issued tickets for speeding, cell phone, seatbelt or child safety restraint violations, or given warnings. Four drivers were arrested, one for passing a car in a school zone, travelling 109 kilometres an hour in a posted 50 kilometres an hour zone.

The Niagara Region has made a concerted effort in recent years to improve the safety of its roads, as

has Niagara-on-the-Lake.

In fact, some of the initiatives undertaken by the region began as pilot projects in NOTL. But when we hear news like this from our local police, on a day when drivers should have been aware that our young people would be on their way back to school and that the police would be out in full force, we have to question if anyone is paying attention.

Our children are our most vulnerable citizens. What are we thinking? Apparently, we're not thinking. The school year has just begun, and we are obviously not doing all we should to protect our students.

Our schools are on busy roads. Let's be sure we obey the posted school speed limits.

Time to think about daffodils

It is time to start planning for your show of spring bulbs and that means it is time for the big job - more than 4,000 bulbs to be planted for the new Daffodil Garden of Hope.

Originally it was planned for the site by the river behind the Niagara PumpHouse Visual Art Centre, however this site proved to be unsuitable, and we had a quandary on our hands.

Fire Chief Ken Eden came to our rescue and negotiations are underway to organize the planting at the new Virgil Firehall at the corner of Concession 6 and Niagara Street Road, on the south side of Virgil.

The 'Duffy Group' is



Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

delighted as it has been our local firemen who have helped prepare the sites for the last two Gardens of Hope. We may even be able to combine Fire Prevention Week with our event.

The tentative planting date is Saturday, Oct. 2, so look out for our notices so you can come and join us - we



will still have some bulbs for sale so if you know of any families who have been touched by cancer, come and add your contribution and let them all know we support them in their battle.

Rotary Club's Passion



The Rotary Club of NOTL's Passion event, which was held at Mori Gardens, drew a crowd of more than 500 people who tasted wine and delicacies from 22 local wineries and 17 restaurants. The Chang Noi booth (above), this new year, was very popular. The event was a fundraiser for the Walker Cancer Centre and the new community centre, while also supporting local businesses.

letters to the editor

Heritage tax breaks - what a concept

We the taxpayers are to subsidize other taxpayers (Niagara Advance, Sept. 2) so they can spend money (better than the rest of us)? What a concept.

Let's see if I understand this correctly: As a senior living on a fixed income, I and other taxpayers are asked to subsidize heritage property owners by paying higher taxes so they will be in a better position to supposedly spend money more wisely than we, the other taxpayers, for the benefit of the local economy?

Well, if and all other tax-

payers' taxes are given the proposed 40 per cent tax breaks, all of us will have more money to spend. Sounds logical to me.

This proposed tax break is ridiculous and unjust. To claim that by supporting heritage property owners (who choose to purchase heritage properties of their own free will) they will spend more money "wisely" for the benefit of the community is fantasizing. Furthermore, to claim high business rents are a result of high taxes is absurd. If a business person negotiates a ridiculous rent for a seasonal business cycle, why should this become my and all other taxpayers' problem?

So for the benefit of a select few we get to pay

higher taxes. Why? Council is waiting for a report (recommendation) for what? It's high time for a reality check.

Hank Holfer

Best wishes to Pastor Herman as he continues to serve community

Thanks for the excellent article on Pastor Herman's retirement. We wish him a long and healthy time to continue to serve his community.

We appreciate these insightful local stories about the true heroes of NOTL.

E.R.Hardison

Residential Garden of the Week



The Hendersons on Dorchester were this week's winners - one more week of the contest until next gardening season. Those who have nominated a garden are eligible to win a gift certificate. The Garden of the Year awards, to which all winners are invited, will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. at the Community Centre.

Commercial Garden of the Week



The commercial Garden of the Week winner was Bridgman and Durksen, on Niagara Stone Road, Mitchell. Jake and Kyle Durksen stand in the front gardens where many hours of work were put in. With Jake and Kyle in charge of landscaping, only brother Travis is missing to complete the trio who helped create the beautiful gardens.

letters to the editor

Why not lower property taxes for those who have lost their jobs?

So, the person in charge of Niagara-on-the-Lake's Chamber of Commerce thinks that the people of Virgil, St. Davids and Queenston should help to pay the property taxes of the people that live in the Heritage District of Niagara-on-the-Lake because they pay more in taxes than the people in Virgil (Niagara Advance, Sept. 2).

Councillor Jack Lowrey expressed concern, and rightly so, that other residents would end up paying money to support the program.

People pay more in taxes

in the Heritage District because their property and houses are worth more than the properties in Virgil, etc., and the people knew this when they bought the properties in the Heritage District.

Here's an idea. Why not lower the property taxes for people that have been laid off from their jobs at CanGro and John Deere or where ever, and have the people in the Heritage District help to supplement their property taxes?

Or, how about coming up with a much more positive way to save the town money, like installing wind generators to offset the cost of hydro.

It's not as though there's a shortage of wind in this town.

Tom Simmonds

The fun has been taken out of garage sales and replaced with commercialism

There was a time when people went to garage sales to buy discards, to talk to neighbours, to just have fun. Who has taken the fun out of garage sales?

Perhaps it's the commercialism of garage sales; cars are now given as how to run a sale. Books of instructions have even been written.

But where is the original spontaneity, where is the delight in sharing your stuff with your neighbours?

Often at a sale the garage door remains bolted until

the clock strikes 8 or 9 a.m.

Then the door slides open like in a department store and people file in.

The first customers in line are usually dealers in antique businesses. You can recognize them by their very early arrival, their determined look and their haste. They are anxious to assess the goods quickly, grab and hurry off to the next garage sale before their competitors beat them there.

It's a buying frenzy.

Business has invaded garage sales and it is in very poor taste.

Gone is the graciousness and generosity inherent in recycling your possessions. Gone is the fun of exchanging things for small sums of money.

Selena Appleby

Corvette Club helps kids



Niagara Corvette Club president George Dalberg hands over a cheque for \$24,000 to Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre Foundation executive director Jim Marino, proceeds from the club's annual car show held at Reif Winery in July, and other fundraising events during 2010. The club has been supporting the NPCC since it was formed 37 years ago, and this donation brings the total over the years to more than \$322,500.



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Niagara-on-the-Lake is one of the few Canadian municipal-

ities which continues to hold a memorial service to remember those who died and their families who were left behind.

Janice Thomson, executive director at the Chamber of Commerce, organizes the annual service.

There were many American tourists in town that day who visited the Chamber office trying to find out what was happening at home, she said.

They shared their worry and their grief with the many people who helped them that day, from Chamber staff to bed and breakfast and hotel operators.

Some continue to come back to NOTL each September, to the town they consider a "safe haven," Thomson says, and many visitors stop on the street to join the service, touched that the town still remembers.

Saturday's memorial service will take place at the Queen Street Cenotaph, beginning at 8:35 a.m., with laying of wreaths, lowering of US and Canadian flags, two minutes of silence and comments from MP Rob Nicholson, Minister of Justice, and MP Kim Cralton.

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Town staff, along with IBI Group consultants, cordially invites and welcomes residents and interested parties to attend a drop-in open house, to take place on **Thursday, September 23**. The open house will provide an opportunity to present the findings, conclusions, and options from the Transit Needs Survey and receive your questions, comments, and concerns. We look forward to hearing from you.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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NOTL's family health team welcomes pharmacist

► Lisa Simpson advises patients on their medications.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advocate

One day a week, Lisa Simpson leaves behind her role as retail pharmacist to work for Niagara-on-the-Lake's family health team. Her goal is to partner with the health team to provide optimal pharmaceutical care to patients in a private, unburied and comfortable setting.

When she sits down with a patient in an office at the NOTL hospital, she has their

medical records before her. She also asks that they bring any medication they take with them—prescription or non-prescription.

She can help determine whether a patient is taking the appropriate medication, the right dosage, whether there are issues with interaction of drugs or side effects, or simply review medications to ensure patients understand what they are taking and why. Sometimes, she says, people have been on a medication for so long they can't remember why they're taking it or what it's supposed to do.

And although she says most people know her as Lisa from Simpson's Pharmacy,

"one day a week I'm working for the family health team as a pharmacist. It doesn't matter where people get their prescriptions filled. I have their doctor's records in front of me and any information that comes from that appointment becomes part of those records to better help the patient."

Simpson, who has been working with the family health team since March, says she is finding it extremely rewarding to have the time to sit down with a patient and have a private conversation with them about their health in relation to any drugs they may be taking.

"Things come up that wouldn't necessarily be discussed in a retail setting," she

says. "It's good to be able to focus on clinical and medical issues with patients rather than drug plans or availability. It's getting back to the roots of why I wanted to do this in the first place."

It's also a good example of the value of a family health team, she says.

"It's a collaborative model of health care professionals working closely with one another to provide the best patient care, and it's really exciting to be part of it."

Simpson is at the hospital Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Patients can ask their physician for a referral, or book their own appointment by calling 905-468-9189, ext. 2.



Lisa Simpson meets with NOTL health team patients at the NOTL Hospital Wednesdays.



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Community raised funds for dog guide program

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And although a trained dog comes at no cost to those who qualify, in TJ's case,

about \$13,000 was donated by the community to support the Lions Foundation, which spends \$20,000 on each dog guide.

It was also rewarding to see

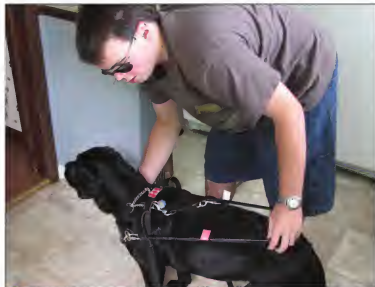
the support of the community, said Bob—the Queenston and St. Davids Firefighters each contributed \$1,000, Country Cravings in St. Davids donated \$500 and the

Lions and Lioness also raised money.

Rema, like all dog guides, was sent to a foster home for the first year of her life, to become socialized in a family environment. She then worked through an intensive training program in Oakville before she was ready to meet TJ, who has known for almost three years that he would receive a dog guide when he was ready.

When he and Rema graduated from their three-week program, about 40 St. Davids Lion and Lioness members took a bus to Oakville to watch the ceremony, said Bob—and were all very impressed with what they saw.

There were 20 people graduating with their dogs. And as another class is ready to begin—with two or three training programs each year—the St. Davids Lions Club is committed to continue raising funds so that others may benefit, as TJ will, from a dog guide.



Todd Gill Jr. has learned to put Rema in her harness, which turns her from a loving companion and pet into a working dog guide. He and Rema just completed a three-week training program in Oakville, in time for TJ to return to school in Brantford, this time with help from Rema.

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Marc MacDonald
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Blue and red will come together next Thursday for such a great combination that those not in attendance will be green with envy.

Red Roof Retreat is teaming up with the Johnny Max Bigger Band to put on 'Blues in the Backyard,' a fundraiser aimed at helping the Red Roof respite program for children with special needs.

"The respite program really is one of the most important programs," said Stefanie Bjorgan, founder of Red Roof Retreat.

"It's very important for families who are raising special needs children to be offered a break - it's a whole different type of parenting,"

Having always wanted to host some type of music event, Bjorgan says it was a chance encounter at a gas station that got the ball get rolling.

After talking to Bruce Cox, someone who had put together similar events in the past, Bjorgan decided to organize a music fundraiser, and the Johnny Max Band

was the first to sign on.

As for the choice of blues, it just seemed to fit.

"We're starting with blues because I think it reaches a wide audience," said Bjorgan. "We want to keep it simple and make the night about music and friends and for people to see Red Roof - our goal is to eventually have regular music events."

There will be no draws or prizes, rather the ticket sales are going to the fundraiser and the Kinsmen will be running the bar, as the focus of the night really is just come out and see the property while enjoying some live entertainment.

The Johnny Max Bigger Band will be performing with special guests Steve Strongman and Raulo Bhanoja.

With a maximum of 200 tickets being sold at \$25, you'll want to make sure you reserve yours by calling 905-684-0235. There will be a cash bar, and bring a lawn chair.

For more information on the event as well as Red Roof Retreat, visit their Web site at www.redroofretreat.com



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The Study

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This study will address the following needs:

- Safe and convenient access and mobility to, from, and within the Glendale Community area for pedestrians, cyclists, cars, trucks, and transit.
- Improvements to the transportation system in the study area in relation to the vision for future land use and urban design, with particular emphasis on the Glendale Community.
- Improved access to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake;
- Alternate access to the highway system for heavy vehicles accessing and egressing the study area.

The Process

This study is being conducted in accordance with Schedule 'C' of the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (2000). The Class EA process includes consultation with review agencies, stakeholders, and the public. The study itself will include a needs assessment, an evaluation of alternatives, an assessment of the impacts of proposed improvements, and the identification of measures to mitigate any adverse impacts. Upon completion of this study, an Environmental Study Report documenting the process will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment and will be available for public review for a period of 30 calendar days.

Public consultation is vital to this study. We want to ensure that anyone with an interest in this study has the opportunity to get involved and provide input before any decisions are made on the preferred solution. As part of this study, two Public Information Centres (PIC's) are planned. The first PIC is tentatively scheduled for late 2010 to provide background information on the study and the various alternatives being considered as well as receive feedback from the public, stakeholders, and review agencies. Representatives from the Region and the consultant will be present at the PIC to answer questions on the study and the process. A second PIC is tentatively scheduled for mid-2011 to present and receive input on the technically preferred alternative. PIC times and locations will be advertised at a later date, in this newspaper.

Comments

We are interested in any comments that you may have about the study. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

To provide your comments, or to request additional information concerning this project, please contact either of the following Project Team members:

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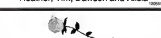


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Potato People become 'street people' as TBW charts new direction

Popular series will encompass performances aimed at mature audiences.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

It all began with a trip to the local farmers' market, followed by a phone call from market manager Adam Hawley.

Robin Patterson, one of the three founding members of Theatre Beyond Words, was the grand prize winner of a contest sponsored by the Farmers' Market at the Village. The prize? A pig roast for 50 from Pig Out Roasters, which regularly appears at the market.

When Patterson went to pick up her prize certificate, it got even better—the discovery that it included dessert for 50 from Willow Cakes and Pastries.

The company she founded in 1977 with Harro Masco and Terry Judd quickly became known for its mimed family plays, which have delighted audiences with the fanciful and physical Potato People. But the company has been working on taking the Potato People in a different direction, aimed at a mature

audience, and the prize seemed perfectly suited to launch their new beginning. "It was going to be short notice, but we had wanted to introduce some new characters this fall, so we seized the opportunity to begin a fundraising campaign to support them."

This new direction, with an expanded group of characters, was kick-started by symposiums held last February with 10 emerging artists who were asked to help envision what could come next for the Potato People series.

"What was most apparent was the relation of the live animation cartoon style of our work to graphic novels. Would this be a way of writing the scripts? Yes, they decided," said Patterson.

Potato People: the Next Generation was born, inspired by graphic novels—contemporary comics with a recognizable visual appearance, explains Patterson.

They will premier in January at the Sullivan-Mahoney Courthouse Theatre in St. Catharines, with two distinct groups, says Patterson—Tales from the Garden, with the familiar Potato People performing for family audiences, and Tales from the Street, for mature audiences.

The new characters include a teenage mother, a homeless person, a

squeegee kid and some who enjoy the bar scene.

The scripts haven't been written yet—that's the next step—but Theatre Beyond Words is following its tradition in creating their characters and then looking at what might happen when they encounter each other, and the results for Tales from the Street can be expected to be "edgy and grown-up," says Patterson.

Meanwhile, at last week's 'fashion show' launch, the Next Generation characters strutted their stuff on a garden runway, and supporters have been offered an opportunity to sponsor, individually or as a group, a mask character. Their sponsorship, says Patterson, will be acknowledged in all performance programs each time "their" character is part of the show.

"Each character could have several sponsors," says

Patterson. "We were looking for a creative way to raise money, but we're also trying

to engage our audiences. This was only a beginning, but we're hoping to get people

connected to the characters, to give them a sense of ownership."

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